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1. GARRY MARTIN, LOCAL "SPOKESMAN" FOR COMMITTEE TO AID U.S. WAR OBJECTORS ANNOUNCED TO PRESS JANUARY 29 THAT PRESIDENT FORD S AMNESTY PROGRAM "HAS FAILED". STATED THAT ONLY TEN OBJECTORS LIVING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA HAD ENTERED AMNESTY PROGRAM AND FIVE OF THOSE HAVE RETURNED TO B.C. HE ESTIMATED TWO THOUSAND "EVADERS" LIVING IN B.C. BUT ONLY ABOUT 500 OF THEM STILL FACE CHARGES AND HALF OF THOSE COULD BE DROPPED IF THEY GO THROUGH COMMITTEE TO AID U.S. WAR OBJECTORS".

2. MARTIN SAID HIS COMMITTEE HAS "PROCESSED" 150 "DESERTERS" LIVING IN B.C. THROUGH "A CERTAIN FORT (U.S. ARMY POST) IN THE EAST" WHICH HE REFUSED TO NAME. HE STATED THAT THOSE DESERTERS DID NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE TO DO ANY CLEMENCY, STOCKADE TIME, ALTERNATIVE SERVICE OR TAKE LOYALTY OATH. "JUST THREE DAYS BEING PROCESSED AND THAT WAS IT".

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